

HAS A CHANCE TO RECOVER.

Captain Battle Smith's Case Not so Desperate as Was First Thought.

BULLET IS NOT LOCATED AS YET.

Surgeons Hesitate to Make the Examination—Career of the Suicide—Her Mother Ill—Letter from the Dead.

Captain Battle Smith, who was shot by Nettie Biedler Sunday evening, rested easily the fore part of last night. No new symptoms had developed. The patient complained of some pain and considerable soreness in the region of the wound, but the nurses were pleased to state that no change for the worse had taken place up to midnight.

The surgeons had intended searching for the bullet last night but the condition of the patient was not considered favorable for the operation and it was deferred until today.

The bullet penetrated the kidney, but beyond that its course is as yet unknown. A doctor stated that at any rate the wound was a very dangerous one, but whether or not it was necessary or even probably fatal, he was not prepared to say.

Several of the wounded woman's companions, including some of the officers of the army, called at the hospital to inquire as to her condition. None of them were admitted to see her, however, as strict orders had been given that the scenes of Sunday night in the sick room were not to be repeated, and that no one was to be allowed to enter the room but the doctors and trained nurses of the hospital.

The best of the treatment is assured her, and if careful nursing will restore her to life and health, her recovery is assured.

Miss Biedler's Career.

Miss Nettie Biedler, the dead girl, was 19 years of age and came with her family from Dunlap, Ia., to Council Bluffs several years ago. She was admitted to partnership in the City Steam laundry with her father, W. W. Biedler, and her older sister, Mrs. Harris.

The neighbors intimate that she has not been on the most affectionate terms with the other members of the family, and went out a great deal without letting them know where she was going. The latter statement is corroborated by the other members of the family. Her relatives are not aware that she kept company with any member of the opposite sex, although they admit that such might have been the case, as she was not disposed to make confidences of any of the family regarding her private affairs.

Intimate With Captain Smith.

While in the Bluffs Captain Smith kept house at 417 South First street, and was visited there frequently by the deceased, with whom she was apparently on the best of terms. If they ever had any differences of any kind whatever it is not now known, neither is there any knowledge of any state of affairs that can be so construed as to furnish a possible motive for the dreadful tragedy that was enacted last night.

Miss Biedler bought the pistol with which the shooting was done a long time ago, before she became acquainted with Captain Smith, but none of her acquaintances knew that she ever carried it.

Mrs. Biedler Dangerously Ill.

The mother of the dead girl is lying dangerously ill, and has not yet been informed of the tragedy for fear that the shock might result fatally.

Mr. Biedler and his married daughter, Mrs. Harris, called at the undertaker's yesterday morning and viewed the body of the deceased. They said that they had never seen anything wrong about her, and that she was steady and industrious and had always attended to her work in the laundry. They were very much affected, and wept bitterly as they stood beside the corpse of the daughter and sister. Neither of them could utter a word of additional light upon the somewhat mysterious deed.

The father told of her final leave taking of the family, in which there was nothing to intimate that she meditated the fearful step that she was to take. She merely told them that she was going to call on her sister in the western part of the city, and after washing the dinner dishes, changed her dress and left the house without a word of that farewell.

She stopped at her sister's, as she had intended, but remained there only a few minutes, saying she was going to the house of the Salvation Army, and to renew her acquaintance with Captain Smith. She left her pocketbook with her sister, retaining only enough change for her fare, and she was laughingly told that she would hardly have use for any more of it. She was seemingly in very good spirits, looking bright and to a pleasant meeting with her old friend.

Her family heard no more of her until the sad news of her death was broken to them, and of her action after leaving the house of her sister and boarding a train for this city all that is known is that she stood on the corner of Fifteenth and Farnam streets at 2 o'clock watching the procession, and subsequently appeared at the army barracks, from the doors of which she stepped forth at 6 o'clock to murder her friend.

Letter From the Dead.

The acting coroner sent a messenger to Dr. Sprague at an early hour yesterday morning with a written request to deliver the property of the dead woman, and the request was complied with. The coroner's office received a very interesting photograph of the deceased, and the following rather disjointed and incoherent sentences, betraying the excitement of the writer:

OMAHA, Nov. 15, 1891.—[Miss Nettie Biedler and Nettie Biedler.] I drew my revolver at 6 o'clock to blow out my brains.

Good-bye forever; my dear Nettie and Harris. You need not know that we did this.

At Main Street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

By By.

There was nothing to show at what point or hour the missile was written, but it was undoubtedly indicated after the writer had suffered a rebuff at the hands of the captain at their first meeting, and was presumably written but a short time before the shooting took place.

HE WAS WEARY OF THE WORLD.

Andrew Polan, After a Spree, Sends a Bullet Through His Brain.

Following close upon Sunday evening's fearful double tragedy came the suicide yesterday morning of Andrew P. Polan, a section hand in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway company.

Polan was a single man and lived with his family at Twenty-seventh and Walnut streets, near Shively station. He had been drinking heavily since Thursday, and went home yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock very much intoxicated. He remained in the house until this morning, sleeping the greater part of the time. He arose shortly after 6 o'clock and his wife urged him to return to work. As he finished dressing he placed a revolver in his pocket, evidently thinking that the act was not observed by his wife.

"You had better leave that here," she remarked shortly afterward.

"Leave what here?" asked Polan quickly, and the woman, who was a single man, might be sensitive upon the subject and not wishing to wound his feelings, said no more about the matter.

Polan left the house a little later, remarking that he would be back in a few minutes. He entered the closet at the rear of the lot, and that was the last time he was seen alive.

As he did not return Mrs. Polan became uneasy, but before she could make any investigation, a loud shot was heard, and smoke was seen issuing from the little outhouse. The landlady, who lives in the next house, ran back and bursting open the door found Polan in a half sitting position, unconscious. The revolver was lying on the floor near him, and blood and brain matter were coming from a bullet hole in the right temple.

The dying man was at once carried into the house, but breathed only a few times after reaching there. The coroner was notified of what had occurred, and under his instructions the body was removed to Healey & Healey's.

Polan had frequently threatened during the past year that he would kill himself, generally at the close of a spree such as he had been indulging in for the past few days.

His landlady talked with him yesterday, urging him to sober up and go back to work, and this Polan seemed disposed to do.

The deceased was fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and three children in very straitened circumstances. The county will have to bear the funeral expenses.

Polan used a .32-caliber revolver of a cheap pattern, similar to that used last night by Miss Biedler, and the fatal wound was almost identically the same as that inflicted by the desperate woman upon herself. The bullet entered well up on the temple, and ranged forward and upward, penetrating the upper portion of the brain and lodging against the inner surface of the skull.

The inquest will be held today.

Fine as silk—Halter's German Pills.

See papers Omaha Rubber Co's. fire sale.

The new Hotel Brunswick, 16th and Jackson, with all modern improvements. Now open for guests. Moderate prices.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Yard and Office Notes.

Montgomery, Swan & Co. sent in a large shipment of prime cattle from Lusk, Wyo. G. L. Samson and S. Prague shipped cattle from Bellevue, Minn.

E. Christopher of St. Paul, Minn., had three cars of cattle at the yards.

Colman of Buffalo Gap, S. D., sent in a shipment.

T. D. Wright of Folsom, N. M., brought in sixteen cars.

W. P. Noble sent in five cars of cattle from Hurling, Wyo. Mills & Co. had in nine loads from Denver.

The Shiedler Cattle company had seven cars of cattle on sale which were shipped from Belle Fourche, S. D.

Charles Heent, a well known range man, had a train of eighteen cars of cattle here from Laramie, Wyo. H. Windham of the same place had five cars on the market.

John Hastie sent in hogs from Cooke, O. A. Alexander of Horse Creek, Wyo., marketed three cars of cattle. J. C. Colby had three and D. S. Van Ormer two from the same place.

Teschmacker & De Biller, Laramie River Cattle company, and Milwaukee & Wyoming Investment company all had cattle here, shipped from Uva, Wyo.

The Pratt & Ferris Cattle company had a train of cattle at the yards. They loaded at Gillette, Wyo. W. B. Jordan had two cars on the same place.

William McConnell, a prominent banker and cattle king of Montrose, Colo., was a visitor at the yards this morning. This is Mr. McConnell's first visit to the yards, and he brought with him forty cars of choice cattle. The prices received were so far in excess of what he expected that he says he will do all his marketing here in the future.

Charles Lawton arrived home from a month's hunt along the Elkhorn. He was swapping bear stories with "Uncle Billy" Parsons at the Exchange, who has been over in Iowa on a similar expedition.

City Council.

There was a quorum present when Mayor Sioane called the council to order last evening. Ordinance 343, ordering the grading of Twenty-third street, was passed.

Frank Barnes' petition to the city bill poster was referred to the mayor.

The engineer's report giving an estimate for the monthly grading of 2,400 cubic yards at \$1.99 per yard on Q between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth was accepted.

The Rock Island petitioned the council to remit the taxes on its property because of its having been doubly assessed. Referred to city engineer and finance committee.

The council acceded to Treasurer Hector's requests to have his office illuminated by incandescent electric lights.

The clerk was ordered to issue warrants to Parks & Burgess for the paving of Twenty-fourth street.

Ordinance 325, establishing the grade on J street from Twenty-second to Twenty-fourth streets, was read the second and third time and put on its final passage.

Ordinance 325, ordering a sidewalk to be laid on the east side of Twenty-first street, was passed.

Muggle City Miniatures.

W. G. Wilson, editor of the Lexington Clipper, is in the city on business.

Miss Jennie Abbott of Fremont, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. E. J. Seykora, has returned home.

The ladies auxiliary of the Episcopal church will give a dinner tomorrow from 11:30 to 2 o'clock.

H. H. Rozelle of the mail carrier force, Chicago, is in the city on a western tour of recreation, and resumed his duties yesterday.

On Thanksgiving day the Knights of Pythias will join with their brethren on the hill in a grand celebration at the Columbian.

John Ryan, an employee of the Stradman Asphalt company, had his arm badly fractured this morning by falling against a mixer.

Broff's butcher shop in Albright was broken into Sunday evening and the money register smashed. All the thieves secured was 75 cents.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid society will hold a bazaar in the Delmonico hotel, Twenty-sixth and N streets, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Revival meetings will be held each evening this week in the new Christian chapel, Twenty-third and K streets. Prof. Allen of Omaha will lead the singing.

Allice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wynne of Second and B streets, was buried from the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. Robert Wheeler conducted the services.

The new Christian chapel at Twenty-third and K streets was occupied by the Christian denomination for the first time Sunday. The altar services were held in the morning, and in the afternoon a union meeting participated in by members of all denominations was held.

The funeral services over Mrs. Charles Porter were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. Dawson pronounced a eulogy, and the deceased was accompanied by Robert Wheeler for the benediction. The interment was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething produces natural quiet sleep. 25 cents a bottle.

See papers Omaha Rubber Co's. fire sale.

Wegman piano. New scale. New tuning device. Sold on installments. Hayden Bros.

MORE PAY AND SHORTER HOURS.

Demands of Railroad Men Which May Cause Trouble.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 16.—There is doubt whether among the freight conductors and brakemen of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad which threatens to develop into a strike. The conductors and brakemen have several grievances against the road, and among other things demand an increase of wages and a reduction of the number of hours. The company refuses to accede to the demands. A meeting will be held Wednesday at which it is said the employees will declare a strike.

Four hundred and fifty dollar piano. Warranted seven years for \$187.50. New scale. Hayden Bros.

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Building Permits.

The following permits were issued by the superintendent of buildings yesterday:

A. P. Tukey, one and one-half-story, 1,300 One minor repairs. \$1,650

Total. \$1,650

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Organs from \$25 up. Easy terms Hayden Bros.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by Judge Shields yesterday:

Name and Address. Age. E. Eugene Amorette, Omaha. 23 E. Louise Amorette, Omaha. 23

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Spanish Republicans Defeated.

Last Nov. 10.—The republicans were badly defeated in yesterday's elections.

IMPORTANCE.

BE SURE AND READ OUR ADVERTISEMENT, IN THIS SPACE, TO-MORROW. CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE.

MINISTERS READY TO FIGHT.

Chicago Divines Adjourn the Meeting to Avoid Trouble.

PREPARED TO RESIST AN INSULT.

Rev. Dr. Axtell Advanced on Rev. Lewis Curtis in Regular Ring Style but Was Puffed into His Chair.

CHICAGO BUREAU OF THE BEE, CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 16.

The Methodist ministers here had a lively time at their meeting today. The question which was uppermost was the raising of \$75,000 for city mission work. Rev. Lewis Curtis charged the business committee with employing unbusinesslike methods, whereupon Rev. Dr. Axtell, who is a member of the committee, in effect told Rev. Dr. Curtis that he had spoken falsely and Dr. Curtis jumped up very red in the face and advanced on Brother Axtell, but was pulled into his seat and held there until a motion to adjourn was made and carried.

WILL MAKE RADICAL CHANGES. The controversy between the revisionists and conservatives in the Chicago presbytery assumed a new and wholly unexpected phase at the meeting held at the Fourth Presbyterian church today, and while the report of Dr. Axtell's outburst over the deceased and the Patterson's committee will be adopted it is a majority of the presbytery to the assembly, demanding an entire recasting of the constitution of faith. This is and has been the fact that the followers of Dr. Stryker and Dr. W. W. Totten of Hyde Park have united their efforts and decided to vote for the report recommended by a few changes as half a loaf and resort to the suggested means for carrying their point.

REMOVED THE BLOCKADE. The Burlington resumed shipments of grain at all points on the system today. General Freight Agent Miller said this morning that the blockade of last week had been removed sufficiently to permit the handling of a few more cars and he thinks by the time traffic started today from Iowa and Nebraska shall have arrived here, they will be well cleared. Such arrangements have been made as will insure the inspection of grain without delay.

PLECKY WOMAN'S DESPERATE FIGHT. Mrs. Dr. E. H. Thurston is living at her home, 3015 Indiana avenue, completely isolated and with several ugly wounds on the head. The results of a fight with a burglar who she discovered in her room at an early hour this morning. She closed her door and the burglar entered and she grappled with him. The thief, who was a negro, seized a silver castor and beat Mrs. Thurston into insensibility, then he made his escape.

NEW MANUFACTURING TOWN. A syndicate composed of eastern capitalists today purchased a tract of land containing 2,400 acres in the township of Brown for \$600,000. The land is to be used as a site for a new manufacturing town in which many eastern enterprises, some already under contract, will locate their plants.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The Burlington took out a load of Maine capitalists this morning who are here on their way to attend the opening of the Mining palace at Denver.

Charles T. Yerkes of the north and west side street car systems will tomorrow begin a series of experiments with the new gas motor which he imported from Paris. The machinery is operated with compressed gas taken from the city where it is made every second. It is carried in large cylinders and there is really no odor whatever either within or without the car. It is said to do away with the odor of naphtha which was an objection to other gas motors tried here.

William Mann, contracting agent for McDougal's wharves, passed through the city from Duluth for Detroit, where he will meet a syndicate which is figuring on having a fleet of whiteback boats built. Mr. Mann said that a big whiteback passenger steamer for service during the World's fair would certainly be built. She will be 550 feet long, have three decks, and will have cabin accommodations for 6,000 people.

Orders for the retirement on pensions of a large number of members of the police force will be promulgated to-morrow.

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Official Inquiry Into the Case Continued in Police Court.

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Policemen Tell of the Part They Took in the Proceedings at and Around the Jail That Night.

At 3 o'clock the trial of the men arrested for complicity in the recent lynching in Omaha was continued with Captain Cornack on the stand.

The captain said that he was called to the jail about 9 o'clock on the evening of October 9. There was a crowd of several hundred people standing around the east wing. Witness stated that he entered the jail by the south door in company with Sergeant Sigwert. He advised Jailer Lynch to pull his revolver and stand the crowd off when the bars in the window were broken. This Lynch did once, but a long pole shoved through the window, the jailer and all of the men fled out into the corridor.

After the inner doors were broken the witness said that he stood in the stairway and watched the crowd rush up to the solitary cell rooms. In the crowd he recognized O'Donohue, Grevy, O'Horne and Ed Fitzgerald.

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Witness said that when the prisoner was taken down the stairs he saw O'Horne and Grevy very close to Smith, but he could not say whether they had hold of him or not. Continuing, Captain Cornack said that he saw a young man there with a handkerchief tied over his face and that he jerked it off to see who the person was. It proved to be Ed Fitzgerald. John Fritz was also seen there and was complaining because someone had hit him with a brick.

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Captain Mostyn was called next and stated that he reached the court house grounds about 10 o'clock and worked his way up to the broken window and entered the jail. With him were Grevy, Fitzgerald and Fritz. He saw Neuschaffer hurrying around without a coat or vest on and he saw him enter the jail.

Mostyn also said that when the negro was about to be hung up to the wire he saw O'Horne have his hand on the rope, but whether he was assisting the mob or trying to prevent the hanging he could not say. This closed Captain Mostyn's testimony.

Officer Charles Bloom was the next. He said that he reached the jail at 9:30 and got inside as quickly as possible. At that time the mob was working on the steel cage, and sweating and he also recognized O'Horne, Grevy, Fitzgerald and Fritz. Heard Captain Cornack warning the people to keep away and not to violate the law. O'Horne said they were "bound to get the nigger anyway."

When Smith was taken down stairs O'Horne and Grevy were right next to him. Continuing, Officer Bloom said that he saw Neuschaffer at a saloon at 4 o'clock in the morning and at 5 o'clock met him again on the street and asked him if he saw Neuschaffer at a saloon at 4 o'clock in the morning and he had helped to lynch the negro and was at once locked up and charged with being a suspicious character.

Officer Richard Marcell told about his struggle to get Smith into a cab on Harney street, but could not identify any of the men who were with him.

Thomas F. McLaughlin told the story of the assault on the window and the breaking of the corridor doors, and then Officer S. S. Drummy was called. The officer's testimony did not bring out any new facts, and the case was continued until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

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